



## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

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UNITED STATES FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

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NO FEE TO BE CHARGED IN 1957 FOR NEW ALASKA COMMERCIAL FISHING LICENSE

Assistant Secretary of the Interior Ross L. Leffler announced today that although all salmon net fishermen in Alaska will be required to have a special commercial fishing license for the coming season, the prescribed fee of \$5 for the license will not be charged in 1957.

The new regulatory provision, the proposal of which was published in the Federal Register on March 6, 1957, separates the registration of boats and gear from the registration of fishermen. With the exception of gill nets in Bristol Bay and Cook Inlet under this new Federal license, fishermen will not have to report a change from one boat to another or from one form of gear to another so long as he remains in the area for which he was licensed.

The license is required only of salmon net fishermen and not of trollers. This special Federal license will be necessary in addition to any license required by the Territory of Alaska.

Announcement will be made soon by the Service in Alaska of public places where the license may be obtained.

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